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Fortifications in Elkhovo and Grudovo Okoliya

- 25X1 1. There are standard zig-zag trenches located in the vicinity of Stefan Karadzhovo (N 42-13, E 26-49) and Denitsa (N 42-16, E 26-52) villages, southwest and east of Golyamo Krushevo village and intersecting the Golyamo Krushevo-Zhelyazkovo (formerly Momina Tsirkva; N 42-09, E 27-01) road. These were built in 1950-51 by Trudovak and Army units and are currently unoccupied. Informant has seen no similar trenches between Zhelyazkovo and the Turkish border.

Bunkers

- 25X1 2. [ ] half buried circular bunkers having thick concrete roofs and two embrasures in the following places:
- 25X1 a. On the outskirts of Elkhovo along the Elkhovo-Burgas road (this has, in addition, a tiled roof);
- b. At a place on the Stefan Karadzhovo-Kamen Vrukh (N 42-14, E 26-48) road where it makes a right angle turn (informant could not specify the exact location);
- c. At "many" high and commanding points on the Elkhovo-Burgas highway; and
- d. About 4-5 kilometers southwest of Golyamo Krushevo.
3. These were built during World War II but are still serviceable. They are surrounded with wire entanglements and are unmanned.

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Artillery Posts

4. [ ] artillery emplacement located in a high vineyard about one kilometer west of Zhelyazkovo. [ ] another emplacement located in an old haymow northwest of Zhelyazkovo and east of the Golyamo Krushevo-Zhelyazkovo road with four soldiers stationed at the gun. Both guns were camouflaged.

Wire Entanglements

5. There is a 200-250 centimeter wide and 100 centimeter high wire entanglement cutting the Fakiya River and the Fakiya-Grudovo road which runs parallel to it about one kilometer north of Fakiya (N 42-12, E 27-03) village. There is a similar entanglement cutting the Golyamo Krushevo-Zhelyazkovo road 1000-1500 meters northwest of Zhelyazkovo. [ ]

Tank Traps

6. During World War II the bed of the Popovska stream, which flows south of Dobrich (N 42-10, E 26-40) village into the Tundzha River, was widened and deepened in order to form tank traps. [ ]

Border Information

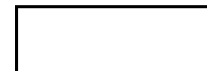
7. The Turkish border passes through high wooded land at Kervan Saray which is an area 7-8 kilometers south of Zhelyazkovo. There is an approximately five meter cut and tilled strip paralleling the border on the Bulgarian side.
8. There is a border zastava located almost due south of Zhelyazkovo and another located 8-10 kilometers east of the first. These are located 500-1000 meters from the border.
9. [ ] two telephone lines [ ] connects the two zastava buildings and provides their intercommunication.
10. [ ] the Kervan Seray area is mined but [ ] no evidence that this might be true.
11. Only the shepherds of the agricultural cooperatives are allowed to pasture their animals near the border. Farmers who own land on the border are not allowed to cultivate it.

Border Zone Information

12. Every night 12 men of Golyamo Krushevo, regardless of political affiliations, are assigned patrol duties. The Communist Party members are issued weapons. The others are given nothing. The militiaman assigned to the People's Council chooses and assigns the men. Some patrol the village while others patrol the cart roads and foot paths leading out of the village. The functions of these patrol are to catch those attempting to cross the border and, during the summer, to guard the threshing areas from robbery. This duty is generally not taken seriously by those assigned. Many of them go home to bed or sleep where they are supposed to patrol. [ ]
13. The personal passports (Lichen Pasport) of border residents carry a special stamp which bears a letter as well as numbers. [ ] Those having a stamp indicating residency in the second border zone must procure an Okrit List to visit the first zone but those having a first zone stamp may travel in the second zone without an Okrit List.

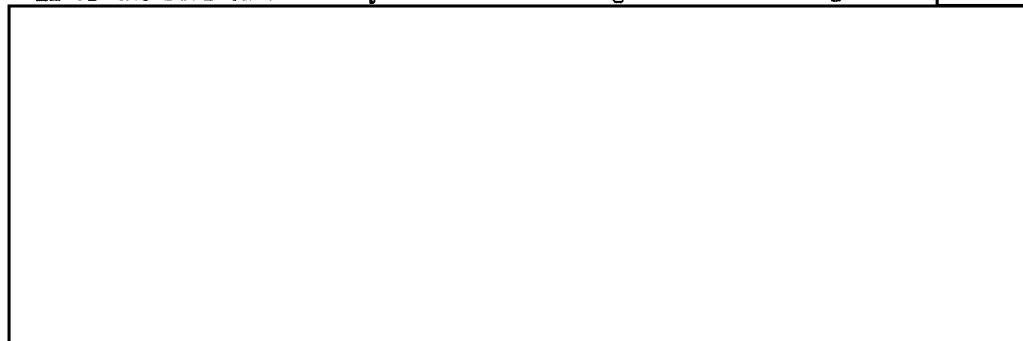
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- 25X1 14. Residents of Golyamo Krushevo village, Elkhovo Okoliya, can pass freely to villages of the second zone in Grudovo Okoliya.
- 25X1 15. Residents of the Elkhovo Okoliya must apply in writing to the MVR (Ministerstvo na Vutreshnite Raboti; Ministry of the Interior) office in Elkhovo for Okrit Lists. Formerly these could be issued by the local People's Council. Currently the Militia investigates each applicant. Those known to be anti-Communists are seldom allowed to visit border areas. Communist Party members are never (sic) refused travel permits.
16. The first localities within the second border area are as follows:
- a. On the Yambol-Elkhovo rail line, Elkhovo;
  - b. On the Yambol-Golyamo Krushevo road, Stefan Karadzhovo; and
  - c. On the Burgas-Elkhovo highway, Grudovo.
- 25X1 17. The documents of bus passengers entering and leaving the border zone are examined at the first locality within the border zone as well as at the place of debarkation. The documents of pedestrians are only checked when they encounter a Border Guard or Militia patrol.
18. the following villages are in the second border zone:
- |                                    |                                 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Bolyarovo (N 42-09, E 26-48)       | Marinka (N 42-22, E 27-29),     |
| Dolno Yabulkovo (N 42-07, E 27-07) | Burgas Okoliya                  |
| Fakiya (N 42-12, E 27-03)          | Ruzhitsa (N 42-08, E 26-53)     |
| Golyamo Krushevo                   | Slivovo (N 42-13, E 27-01)      |
| Gorska Polyana (N 42-07, E 26-59)  | Stefan Karadzhovo               |
| Grudovo town                       | Troitsa (N 42-13, E 26-59)      |
| Mamarchevo (N 42-06, E 26-48)      | Vulchi Izvor (N 42-08, E 26-53) |
|                                    | Zhelyazkovo                     |
19. the following villages are in the first border zone:
- |                                    |                              |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Belevren (N 42-06, E 27-10)        | Kraynovo (N 42-01, E 26-51)  |
| Golyam Dervent (N 41-59, E 26-44)  | Strandzha (N 42-03, E 26-58) |
| Gorno Yabulkovo (N 42-06, E 27-06) |                              |
20. Most of the residents of the border zones are farmers. They are as discontented with the Communist regime as residents of other parts of the country because of the government's agricultural policy.
21. All of the residents of Golyamo Krushevo village are ethnic Bulgarians.



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
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
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
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
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
23. There are two unoccupied bunkers located 20 meters apart on the summit of a high hill located 400-500 meters south of Burgasko Ezero (Lake), 400-500 meters northwest of the Burgas-Elkhovo highway and 5000-6000 meters southwest of Burgas. These are each 15 meters long, have a 85 x 50 centimeter embrasure facing the east and are connected by a tunnel. They are surrounded by trenches. They were built in 1951-52.
24. Civilians are not permitted within 300 meters of the Black Sea coast between Sozopol and the Turkish border. Border Guards are stationed along this coastline.


Key to Appendix A
 Improved road



 Unimproved road


 Telephone poles


 Unoccupied trench line


 Wire entanglement


 Occupied artillery emplacement


 Observation post  
 Border zastava building

 Fields

 Cut woodland

 Woods

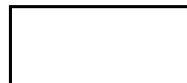
 Cut and tilled control strip

 Bulgarian-Turkish border

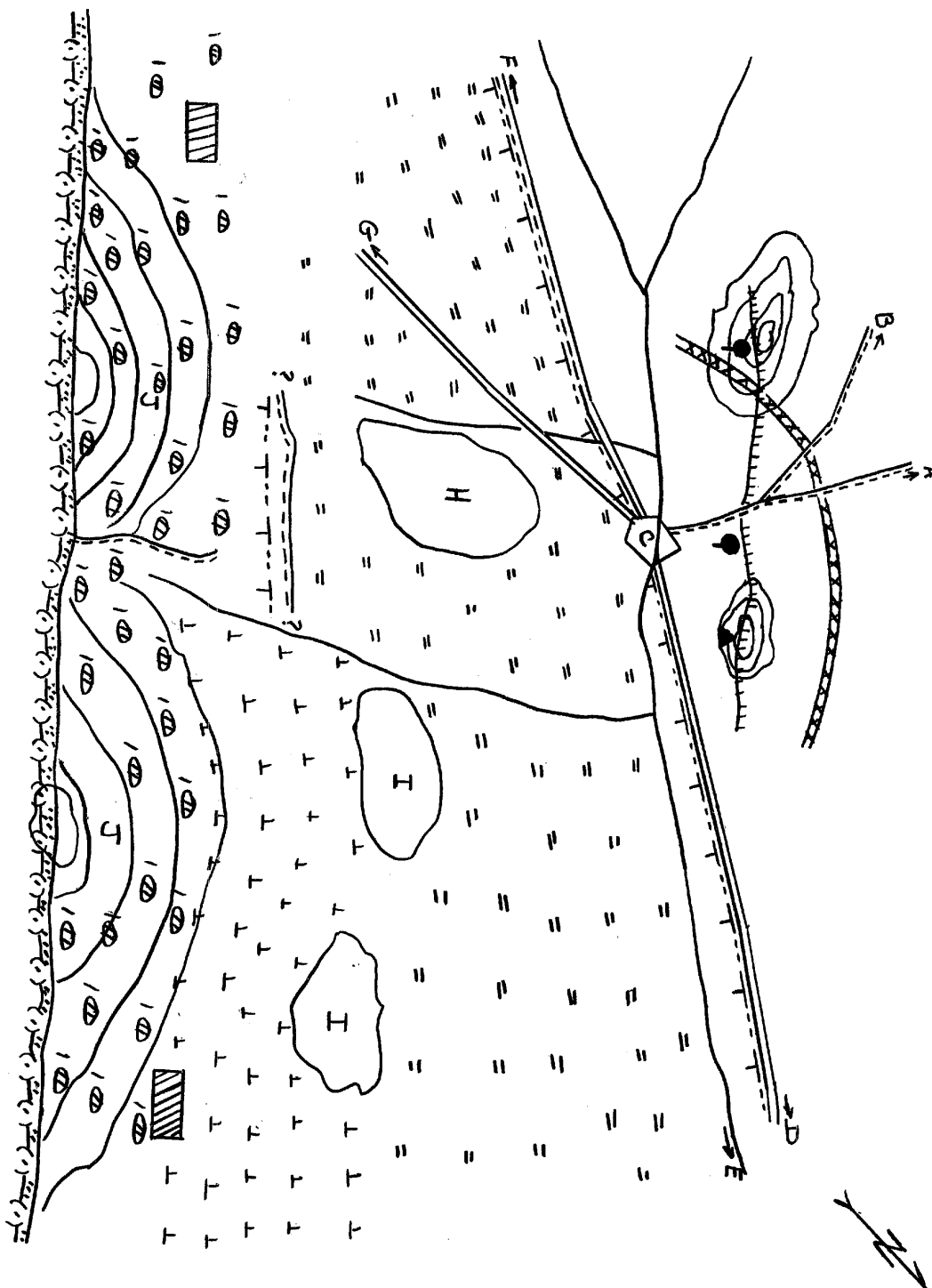
- A. To Golyamo Krushevo
- B. To Vulchi Izvor
- C. Zhelyazkovo
- D. To Fakiya
- E. Stream
- F. To Gorska Polyana
- G. To Strandzha
- H. Vineyards
- I. Heath
- J. Kervan Saray

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